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GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING DECEMBER 12,
1974:

QUOTE: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE LATEST
STORIES ABOUT THE ATTACK IN TEL AVIV FOR WHICH THE PLO
CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY?

A. WELL, LET ME FRAME THE RESPONSE TO YOU AS TO WHETHER
OR NOT I HAVE -- OR THE DEPARTMENT -- HAS ANY REACTION
TO A SERIES OF INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN OCCURRING IN
THE AREA AND NOT JUST SPEAK TO ONE PARTICULAR INCIDENT.

I WOULD SAY THAT, AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES IS NOW
ENGAGED IN QUIET DIPLOMACY, LOOKING TOWARD THE NEXT STAGE
IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE
MIDDLE EAST. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY SAID WE DEPLORE THE
ACTION-REACTION CYCLE OF VIOLENCE IN THAT PART OF THE

WORLD. IT NOT ONLY AFFECTS INNOCENT PERSONS BUT TENDS
TO UNDERMINE THE CLIMATE CONDUCTIVE TO PROMOTING THE
EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO THE REGION.

Q. MR. HARE, DO YOU EQUATE AN ATTACK ON A MOVIE THEATER
WITH OTHER ACTIONS IN THE AREA?

A. I AM TALKING ABOUT THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE IN THE AREA,
WHICH INCLUDES, OBVIOUSLY, THE TRAGEDY AT THE TEL AVIV
THEATER. IT INCLUDES A PATTERN OF RAIDS AGAINST REFUGEE
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Q. PAUL, DID THE UNITED STATES SPECIFICALLY COMMUNICATE
WITH ISRAEL AT THE NEWS OF THE JET ATTACK ON LEBANON
THIS MORNING?

A. YOU MEAN BEFORE THE FACT OR AFTER THE FACT?

Q. EITHER WAY.

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY CONTACT, BUT I WILL LET YOU
KNOW IF IT IS IDFFERENT FROM WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID.

Q. THEN YOU WILL STAND ON PREVIOUS STATEMENTS THAT
ISRAEL IS AWARE OF OUR LONGSTANDING FEELING ABOUT
SUCH MATTERS.

A. I THINK ALL OF THE PARTIES IN THE AREA ARE AWARE OF
OUR FEELINGS IN THIS MATTER. END QUOTE.

NOTE; NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS SUPPLIED TO NEWSMEN
ON ISRAELI CONTACTS AFTER BRIEFING INGERSOLL

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